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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COLE JOE C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AZTAR CORPORATION, 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AZTAR CORP [AZR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

VP Corporate Communications

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Aztar Common Stock	01/03/2007		D	16,639	D 54.3996 0	D	
					(1)		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 7.75	01/03/2007		D	7,500	05/11/2001	05/11/2008	Aztar Common Stock	7,500
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 7.25	01/03/2007		D	10,000	05/06/2002	05/06/2009	Aztar Common Stock	10,000
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 9.8125	01/03/2007		D	18,000	09/15/2002	09/15/2009	Aztar Common Stock	18,000
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase Aztar Common Stock	\$ 11.6875	01/03/2007		D	10,000	05/10/2003	05/10/2010	Aztar Common Stock	10,000
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase Aztar	\$ 13.24	01/03/2007		D	10,000	05/09/2004	05/09/2011	Aztar Common Stock	10,000

Common Stock									
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 22.15	01/03/2007	D	10,000	05/08/2005	05/08/2012	Aztar Common Stock	10,000	
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Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 15.71	01/03/2007	D	10,000	05/14/2006	05/14/2013	Aztar Common Stock	10,000	
Aztar Common Stock									
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 24.39	01/03/2007	D	10,000	01/03/2007	05/13/2014	Aztar Common Stock	10,000	
Aztar Common Stock									
Aztar Stock Option Right to Purchase	\$ 30.9	01/03/2007	D	9,000	01/03/2007	05/11/2015	Aztar Common Stock	9,000	
Aztar Common Stock									

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLE JOE C AZTAR CORPORATION 2390 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 400 PHOENIX, AZ 85016			VP Corporate Communications	

Signatures

/s/ Joe C. Cole

01/03/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

As a result of the completed merger of Aztar Corporation with Columbia Entertainment, a subsidiary of Columbia Sussex Corporation,

(1) Aztar's common stock was converted into a right to receive \$54.00 in cash plus an additional \$0.00888 in cash per day, beginning on November 20, 2006, if the merger was not consummated by November 19, 2006.

Each stock option outstanding under the Aztar Stock Plans was converted into a right to receive an amount in cash equal to \$54.00 plus an

(2) additional \$0.00888 per day beginning November 20, 2006 less the exercise price. All unvested options became vested on the day of the merger.

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